

**Stakeholder Communiqué – Livestock Sector Biosecurity Council (LSBC)**

*Membership – Biosecurity New Zealand, Federated Farmers of NZ, Beef and Lamb NZ, DairyNZ, Meat Industry Association of New Zealand (MIA), NZ Pork, Dairy Companies Association of NZ (DCANZ), and Deer Industry NZ (DINZ)*

The Livestock Sector Biosecurity Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting on 18 February 2020.

The meeting was the first chaired by the Council’s new Chair, David Baines – CEO NZ Pork, since his election into the role at the previous meeting.

The meeting was dedicated to progressing an operational agreement under GIA for the management of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and focussed on governance structures, decision making and administration.

To assist its deliberations Council received an update from Biosecurity New Zealand’s new FMD Programme manager on the current status of the FMD work programme. Currently this work sits with Biosecurity New Zealand but in time the Governance Group under the operational agreement is expected to sign off the FMD work plan

A wide range of the detailed contractual provisions required to conclude the operational agreement were discussed. Future meetings will focus on financial matters (fiscal caps, cost shares, levies, financial administration, compensation etc). Other matters still to be finalised include decision making (made by the CTO, all of government, exigency actions), accountability for minimum commitments (and the defining line between joint actions and minimum commitments), treatment of in-kind, reserved matters, health and safety, and the more minor contractual matters.

The parties expect to complete work to finalise the operational agreement by 30 June 2020.

LSBC’s next meeting is scheduled for 8 April 2020.

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